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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR ADDOU REQUESTS US SUPPORT FOR SOMALI  
POSITION ON DJIBOUTI INCIDENT

1. AMBASSADOR ADDOU CALLED ON ASST. SECY SCHAUFLE ON  
FEB 9. ADDOU REVIEWED SOMALI VERSION OF BORDER INCIDENT,  
EMPHASIZING LACK OF GSDR PROVOCATION AND GSDR EFFORT TO  
ASSIST FRENCH TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF KIDNAPPED CHILDREN.  
ACCORDING TO ADDOU, AS SOON AS SOMALI GOVERNMENT HEARD OF  
KIDNAPPING (WHICH HE EMPHASIZED TOOK PLACE ON FRENCH-  
CONTROLLED TERRITORY, AND WITHOUT ANY DIRECT SOMALI INVOLVE-  
MENT), SOMALI CONSUL GENERAL IN DJIBOUTI WAS ORDERED TO  
CONTACT FRENCH OFFICIALS AND LEADERS OF FLSC.

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2. ADDOU DENIED THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR WAS REFUSED PROMPT

ACCESS TO SOMALI OFFICIALS. HE SAID THAT IMMEDIATELY FRENCH AMBASSADOR CALLED, APPOINTMENT WAS SCHEDULED WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. FRENCH-AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, INSISTED ON SEEING FOREIGN MINISTER WHO WAS OUT OF MINISTRY ATTENDING A MEETING. WHEN THIS REQUEST COULD NOT BE IMMEDIATELY SATISFIED, FRENCH AMBASSADOR WANTED TO SEE PRESIDENT SIAD, BUT WHEN SIAD'S OFFICE CONTACTED, SIAD WAS OTHERWISE OCCUPIED. AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD APPOINTMENT COULD BE ARRANGED LATER IN EVENING BUT AMBASSADOR THEN INSISTED THAT BECAUSE OF LACK OF SERIOUS EFFORT ON SOMALI

PART HE WOULD HAVE TO CONTACT HIS GOVERNMENT. ADDOU SUGGESTED THAT FRENCH HAD LOOKED FOR EXCUSE TO CHARGE THE SOMALIS WITH LACK OF COOPERATION.

3. ADDOU MADE PITCH FOR USG SUPPORT IN SECURITY COUNCIL ON BASIS OF MORAL OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT INNOCENT AND INJURED SOMALIA. GSDR WAS NOT ASKING FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST FRANCE BUT FOR MORAL SUPPORT AND CONDEMNATION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. ADDOU HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO PRESENT A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THIS EFFECT (TEXT BEING SENT SEPTEL) TO THE SECRETARY. HE WAS INSTEAD GIVING IT TO ASST SECY SCHAUFLE SINCE THE SECRETARY WAS OUT OF TOWN AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS SHORTLY TO TAKE PLACE.

4. ADDOU THEN REVIEWED GENERAL SOMALI POSITION ON TFAI. SOMALIA SUPPORTED TFAI INDEPENDENCE THROUGH DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND WOULD RESPECT ANY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ALI AREF, IF IT WERE CHOSEN THROUGH UNFETTERED FREE POPULAR PROCEDURES. HE SAID SOMALIA MIGHT ASK FOR UN OBSERVERS TO INSURE SUCH A RESULT. ADDOU REMINDED SCHAUFLE OF RECENT DECISION BY SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL TO WORK FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH US, A DECISION WHICH WOULD RESULT IN SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. AS IT HAPPENED, IN THIS CASE, SOMALIA WAS ASKING FOR US SUPPORT RATHER THAN US HAVING REQUESTED SOMALI AID AT UN. ADDOU EMPHASIZED POTENTIAL FOR DANGEROUS CONFRONTATION SINCE MILITARY OF BOTH SIDES WERE DRAWN UP FACING EACH OTHER. HE ASKED US TO SUPPORT INJURED PARTY.

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5. SCHAUFLE ASSURED ADDOU SOMALIA'S VIEWS WOULD RECEIVE OUR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. HE SAID THAT INCIDENT WAS COMPLICATED BUT FIRST MOVE HAD BEEN TERRORIST ACT. ONE PART OF INCIDENT COULD NOT BE SEPARATED FROM ANOTHER. SCHAUFLE EMPHASIZED THAT US HAD PARTICULARLY STRONG VIEWS AGAINST TERRORISM. REFERRING TO PRESS REPORTS STATING SOMALI AMBASSADOR IN NAIROBI HAD CHARGED USG, BECAUSE

TWO US NAVY SHIPS WERE PRESENT IN DJIBOUTI, WITH CON-  
SPIRING WITH FRENCH FOR ATTACK ON SOMALI, SCHAUFEELE  
SAID THAT SUCH CHARGES WERE UTTERLY UNTRUE. VISIT OF  
THESE SHIPS TO DJIBOUTI WAS PLANNED SOME WEEKS IN ADVANCE,  
AND THEIR PRESENCE THERE HAD NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH  
INCIDENT INVOLVING FRENCH AND SOMALIS. ADDOU SAID HE  
REALIZED THIS AND WOULD SO INFORM HIS GOVT.

6. SCHAUFEELE SAID IT WAS IN OUR INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE  
ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN THAT TERRITORY TO TAKE PLACE  
IN MANNER WHICH WOULD PRESERVE INTERESTS OF ALL THE  
PARTIES INVOLVED. RE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, SCHAUFEELE

REMINDED ADDOU THAT FACT WE HELD PRESIDENCY OF COUNCIL  
THIS MONTH PLACED SOME LIMITS ON OUR ACTIONS. IT WOULD BE  
OUR AIM TO HELP RESOLVE SITUATION WITHOUT CREATING MORE  
DIFFICULTIES. SCHAUFEELE NOTED THAT DJIBOUTI INCIDENT WAS  
REGRETTABLE NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF LOSS OF LIFE, BUT BECAUSE  
IT TENDED TO CREATE FURTHER BARRIERS BETWEEN PARTIES  
WHICH MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE HAVE EXISTED. INGERSOLL

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